(ख) क्या संसद सदस्यों के ऐसे पत्रों के आधार पर सम्बद्ध अधिकारी को सी० सी० एस० (आचरण) नियम, 1964 के नियम 20 के अधीन एक ज्ञापन जारी किया जाता है और यदि हाँ, तो क्या इस प्रकार की कार्यवाही करना किसी संसद सदस्य के विशेषाधिकारों की कटौती/हनन नहीं है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ऐसे मामलों में किसी कर्मचारी के लिए ज्ञापन जारी करने वाले अधिकारी के विरुद्ध कार्यवाही करेगी; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो क्या सरकार संसद सदस्यों को कर्मचारियों की सेवाओं के मामले में ऐसे पत्र न लिखने के संबंध में मार्गनिर्देश के रूप में परिपत्र जारी करेगी ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मारग्रेट आल्वा) : (क) से (घ) केन्द्रीय सिविल सेवा (आचरण) नियमावली में यह प्रावधान है कि कोई भी सरकारी कर्मचारी, सरकार के अधीन अपनी सेवा के हितार्थ किसी उच्च अधिकारी पर, कोई राजनैतिक या बाहरी प्रभाव नहीं डालेगा या डालने का प्रयास नहीं करेगा । इस नियम का उल्लंघन करने वाले सरकारी कर्मचारी के विरुद्ध यथोचित कार्यवाही करना उसके अपने प्रशासनिक प्राधिकारी की जिम्मेदारी है । सरकारी कर्मचारी के पास अपनी सेवा संबंधी शिकायतों के समाधान के लिए पर्याप्त शासकीय उपायों की उपलब्धता को देखते हुये इस नियम के प्रावधान संसद सदस्य के विशेषाधिकारों पर कोई प्रभाव नहीं डालते । ऐसे मामलों में दिशानिर्देशों के रूप में संसद सदस्यों को परिपत्र जारी करने का भी कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

Special allowance in lieu of O.T. allowance to Parliament Assistants

4007. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that overtime allowance is not payable to Parliament Assistants in various Ministries/Departments of the Government of India ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that considering the nature of duties and time spent by these Assistants in discharging their duties, Government had fixed a monthly allowance for them long ago which was comparatively higher than the amount of overtime allowance that would have been paid to them at that time ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that rates of overtime allowance for Government servants have been revised but the amount of special allowance for Parliament Assistants has not been correspondingly revised ;

(d) if so, what is the average hour of work done per day by a Parliament Assistant during Session of Parliament and whether the amount of special allowance presently being paid is commensurate with the work done by them ; and

(e) if not, what steps Government propose to take to sou-moto revise the rates of allowance for them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) While the rates of OTA have been revised only once after 1974, i.e. in March, 1991, the rates of Special Allowance have since been revised twice, first in August, 1978 and then in April. 1986 (with retrospective effect from 7-10-1980). OTA is payable on the basis of actual extra working hours put in by an employee, whereas special allowance is payable at fixed rates of Rs. 300 p.m. for Assistants and Rs. 225 p.m. for UDCs. The Staff side had raised a demand in the Departmental Council of Deptt, of Personnel & Trg. in 1990 for an increase in the allowance. Since the demand was not accepted, it stands referred to the Board of Arbitration as per JCM procedure.

Reservation for women in Central Government Services

4008. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposal to provide 30 per cent reservation for women in Central Government services has since been finalised ;

,b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : (a) to (c) The matter is still under consideration.

Guidelines issued to deal with references received from Members of Parliament

4009. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether some guidelines have been issued to all Ministries and Government offices to deal with references received from M.Ps.;

(b) if so, the details alongwith date of issue of the same ;

(c) whether these guidelines have ever been revised further;